

The fundamental freedom that we as Americans hold nearest and dearest to our hearts is the freedom of expression. We have fought for it. We have died for it. Some groups now want to limit the information XM radio can give to its subscribers.

It is unfortunate that some groups feel threatened by XM radio's attempt to provide traffic and weather information to its listeners. That's what this is about. XM radio wants to provide local traffic and weather information to its subscribers and some groups want to stop XM radio from doing it. Clearly, these groups who are trying to interfere with XM radio's ability to broadcast local weather and traffic must perceive some threat because they have filed a petition with the National Association of Broadcasters to stop XM radio from doing it.

I can't see the threat. XM radio listeners are paying to listen to the programming of their choosing. Traffic and weather information is provided on all of the AM and FM radio stations. So why prevent XM radio from giving traffic and weather information to its listeners?

I urge the FCC to reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160.